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1. Between 22 August and 10 September 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne in Weissenfels was occupied by an estimated 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 1 p.m. on 25 August, about 200 troops returned to the installation from the firing range, while about 200 troops practised firing with machine guns at the firing range. On 10 September, about 200 troops were seen at drill and other soldiers seen engaged in physical training.

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2. Between 22 August and 10 September, the Pioneer Kaserne was occupied by about 150 to 200 troops, mostly wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training other than driving school practice was observed. Beginning in early September, driver school was performed exclusively in columns of 12 trucks. [redacted]

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Comment. During the period under review, the two barracks installations in Bissenfels appeared to be occupied only by rear details of the 57th Gds Motor Rifle Div, while the bulk of the units, at that time, could be carried at the Kindel troop training grounds. It was observed that, after the uprising in June, larger rear details than during previous summer training periods have been stationed in these installations, as was also observed at other prisons in the zone.

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